

## Meeting Summary

September 30, 2010

### CNG/LNG Policy Workgroup Meeting

The initial meeting of the CNG/LNG Policy Workgroup was held on September 30, 2010 and was attended by 30 interested parties and workgroup members. This meeting was intended to provide a background on the use of CNG/LNG in mass transit and establish an expectation for the outcome of the efforts of the group.

The initial deliverable identified will be a recommended response to HCR 184, which requires the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of using buses fueled by compressed natural gas in mass transit applications. A report of the findings is due to the Legislature prior to December 31, 2010.

Paul Miller, Secretary Hatch's designee to lead the workgroup's efforts, provided the attendees with information on the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to revise the Ozone standard. The new standard could result in much of Louisiana being designated as nonattainment. Miller discussed the difficulties of reaching attainment and the role of transportation related emissions. Miller also noted how using Louisiana's abundant natural gas resources as transportation fuel could be an economic opportunity.

Brian Crouch, the Department of Natural Resources' designee on the workgroup, provided information on efforts that the department had undertaken related to using natural gas as a transportation fuel. These efforts included the following;

- Personal and corporate tax credits offered by DNR
- DNR Alternative Fuels Revolving Loan Program established by Act 118 of the 2010 Regular Legislative Session
- Empower Louisiana Transportation Efficiency and Alternative Fuels Grant Program.

Representatives of Chesapeake, Encana, Clean Energy, and Apache then presented information on the natural gas resources available in Louisiana and how both compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) are being utilized in other states as transportation fuels. The presentations included specifics on the CNG and LNG refueling infrastructure currently available nationally as well as what is currently proposed. Encana provided specifics on the efforts of a number of states including Texas, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. Chesapeake provided specifics on the infrastructure currently available in Louisiana, as well as that which is being constructed. Clean Energy provided specifics on LNG infrastructure and opportunities for utilization.